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(U) THE SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IPAC ANALYSTS IS 6223, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

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(U) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS TWO ITEMS:

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(1) (S/NOFCRN) [REDACTED]

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(2) (S/NOFCRN) CHINA: WINGS INSIGNIA FOR AVIATORS.

(S/NOFCRN) ACCORDING TO REPORTING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RATED OFFICERS IN THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) AIR FORCE WILL SOON RECEIVE WINGS INSIGNIA TO DISTINGUISH THEM AS AVIATORS. AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES HEADING THE PROGRAM REPORTEDLY HAVE STUDIED THE INSIGNIA OF THE FRENCH, SOVIET, AND U.S. AIR FORCES TO SELECT A DESIGN FOR PRC AVIATORS. THE CHOICE IS BELIEVED TO COPY THE WINGS OF THE U.S. INSIGNIA, GOLD IN COLOR WITH A CENTER SHIELD DESIGN SIMILAR TO THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF THE FIA. ISSUANCE OF THE WINGS IS EXPECTED TO PRECEDE THE WEARING

(4/10/68) THE RECOGNITION OF RATED OFFICERS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE PLA, AN UNCONTESTEDLY WILL PROMOTE MORALE WITHIN THE RATED RANKS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT OTHER SERVICES IN THE PLA ARE FOLLOWING SUIT AND DESIGNING THEIR OWN UNIQUE INSIGNIA, SUCH STEPS CAN BE EXPECTED AS THE PROFESSIONALIZATION PROGRAM PROGRESSES.

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